

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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May 2, 1988

Mr. Harvey Bragdon, Director
Contra Costa County
Community Development Department
Administration Building, North Wing
651 Pine Street
Martinez, California 94553

Attn: Mr. Charles Zahn

RE: CEQA Management for IT Vine Hill & Baker Surface
Impoundment Closure Project

Dear Mr. Zahn:

The Department of Health Services is currently reviewing a Closure Plan for the IT Vine Hill & Baker facilities. The closure plan includes the treatment and storage units, and incinerator at the Vine Hill facility and all surface impoundments at both facilities. It is the Department's understanding that the Contra Costa County Community Development Department would like to manage the CEQA process for the proposed project. This understanding is based on conversations with you and by statements made by Ms. Nancy Fahden and Sunne McPeak of your Board of Supervisors at the March 14, 1988 IT Task Force meeting. During the March 14, 1988 meeting, you explained the CEQA arrangement with DHS with regards to the Dow Chemical waste incinerator; in this arrangement DHS was acting as the lead agency, with the County acting as the managing agency.

Based on discussions among DHS staff it appears that the proposed arrangement is desirable by the Department. If this arrangement is still acceptable, please contact Mr. Paris M. Greenlee at (415) 540-3487 as soon as possible so that we may initiate the CEQA process for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dwight R. Hoenig'.

Dwight R. Hoenig, Chief
Toxic Substances Control Division
North Coast California Section.

cc: Caroline Cabias, HWMS-TSCD
Dan Bergman, CCCEHD